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HOFGEIZMAR, JULY 26, 1945

DARLING FINK,

I FINALLY GOT TWO LETTERS FROM YOU, SWEETIE. THE FIRST IN SIX DAYS. YOU'D WRITTEN THEM THE SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH. IN THE ONE OF THE SEVENTEENTH YOU SAID YOU'D FINALLY GOTTEN ONE SHORT ONE FROM ME AFTER A WEEK OF WAITING. I'VE BEEN WRITING AS I KNOW YOU HAVE TOO, HONEY, BUT AN ARTICLE IN OUR PAPER TONITE TOLD THAT WITH ALL THE TROOPS GOING HOME AND THE HOSPITALIZED ONES ALL GOING BY AIR IT HAD SLOWED THE MAIL UP CONSIDERABLY, AND THEY SUGGESTED THAT V MAIL MIGHT GO A LITTLE FASTER NOW THAN AIR MAIL SO I'M GOING TO WRITE YOU A V LETTER TOMORROW, AND WE'LL SEE HOW IT COMES OUT.

I'VE SURE MISSED YOUR LETTERS, HONEY AND IT WAS SWELL GETTING THESE TWO TONITE. I JUST LIVE FROM MAIL CALL TO MAIL CALL, AND IT'S DISAPPOINTING WHEN I DON'T GET ANY AS I KNOW IT MUST BE BOR FOR YOU TOO, LOVER.

YOU BET WE'LL DO SOME STEPPING WHEN I COME HOME, DARLING. I DON'T WANT YOU TO LET ME OUT OF YOUR SIGHT, SWEETIE, AND I WONT LET YOU OUT OF MY SIGHT, LOVER. IT'S GOING TO BE SO WONDERFUL JUST BEING TOGETHER.

I HOPE YOU CAN GET SOME FILM, HONEY. I LOVE TO GET PICTURES OF YOU. I'LL BET YOU LOOK YUMMY IN YOUR NEW GREEN SHORTS. IN FACT YOU LOOK YUMMY IN ANYTHING, DARLING.

YOU ASKED ME ABOUT THIS PLACE. I HAD ALREADY TOLD YOU A LITTLE ABOUT IT, AND MAYBE BY NOW YOU'VE GOTTEN SOME OF THOSE LETTERS, BUT ANYWAY WE ARE NOW ABOUT TWENTY FIVE MILES NORTH OF KASSEL. SOME FORTY FIVE FROM WILDUNGEN. I DON'T LIKE IT AS WELL AS I DID THE OTHER PLACE AS THE BILLET ISN'T AS GOOD, THE SHOWERS ARE FURTHER AWAY, AND NOW WE HAVE JUST ONE THEATRE WHERE WE HAD TWO IN THE OTHER PLACE. THE TOWN ITSELF IS A SMALL COUNTRY VILLAGE. THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ANY MANUFACTURING HERE, AND IT HASN'T BEEN HURT ANY BY BOMBS OR ARTILLERY.

CHALK ONE UP SWEETIE. I HADN'T HEARD THE JOKE YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THE PETER CHEATER. NEVER HEAR ANY JOKES, IN FACT. I USED TO HEAR THEM ALL WHEN I WAS OUT ON THE ROUTE. BOY, IT'S GOING TO BE SWELL TO GO BACK TO WORK AGAIN. I ALWAYS DID LIKE THAT JOB, BUT AFTER BEING IN THIS CRAPPY ARMY I REALIZE MORE AND MORE JUST HOW SWELL A GOOD COMPANY IS TO WORK FOR. ANY TIME YOU HEAR ANY JOKES SEND THEM ON TO ME, SWEETIE.

I'M SORRY TO HEAR THE CAR IS GIVING YOU TROUBLE AGAIN, HONEY. IT SURE IS GETTING TO BE AN EXPENSIVE LITTLE RASCAL, ISN'T IT? I'M GLAD YOU HAVE A RIDE TO WORK. I KNOW YOU DON'T CARE MUCH FOR DRIVING ANYWAY.

DARLING I LOVE YOU SO VERY VERY MUCH. IT'S JUST GOING TO TAKE US THE REST OF OUR LIVES TO CATCH UP ON OUR LOVE MAKING, AND I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO SPEND OUR LIVES, CAN YOU HONEY? YOU ARE SUCH A DEAR SWEET LOVER THAT YOU REALLY CAN'T BLAME ME IF I'M PESTERING YOU ALL THE TIME, HONEY.

SWEETIE, YOU HAVEN'T SAID A WORD ABOUT MY WATCH. APPARENTLY YOU HAVEN'T EVEN RECEIVED THE LETTERS I WROTE CONCERNING THAT, AND THE FIRST ONE I WROTE NEARLY TWO MONTHS AGO, BEFORE I SENT THE PACKAGE. IF YOU GET THIS ONE OK TELL ME IF IT'S BEING REPAIRED. WHEN YOU SEND IT TO ME SEND IT REGISTERED IF YOU WILL. THAT WAY IT SHOULD GET HERE PRETTY FAST. THAT'S THE WAY I SENT YOUR PACKAGE AND IT TOOK JUST TWO WEEKS.

I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT ALL I KNOW FOR NOW, SWEETIE. I'LL GET A V LETTER OUT TO YOU TOMORROW, AND YOU CAN TELL ME IF IT'S ANY FASTER. I'M ENCLOSING MILLIONS OF HUGS AND KISSES AND ALL MY LOVE.

YOUR OWN,

Jack